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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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No. 397

ARTHUR N. FIELD, AS TEMPORARY RECEIVER OF THE PROPERTY AND ASSETS OF UNITED GREEK SHIP-OWNERS CORPORATION,

Petitioner,

against

THE UNITED STATES,

Respondent

PETITION AND BRIEF FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF CLAIMS AND BRIEF IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

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